



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics

October

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 4,966 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in October 2005, up 136 (2.8%) from the 4,830 initial claims filed in October 2004.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (685) sector have filed the largest number of initial claims this month, representing fourteen percent of the months total claims. The Manufacturing (636) sector reported the second largest number of claims and represented 13 percent of the total monthly claims. The increased number of initial claims within the Construction industry were partially caused by the inclement weather which temporarily closed work sites. Workers classified in the Accommodation & Food Services (351), Administrative & Waste Services (348), and Retail Trade (340) sectors also filed significant numbers of claims this month.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (601) and Production (597) occupations filed the largest number of claims accounting for one-quarter of the claims for the third consecutive month. There were also significant numbers of initial claims filed by workers classified in Construction & Extraction (507) and Management (394) occupations.

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Claims	Percent
Industry	4,966	100%
Agriculture/Forestry	34	0.7%
Mining	5	0.1%
Utilities	2	0.0%
Construction	685	13.8%
Manufacturing	636	12.8%
Wholesale Trade	177	3.6%
Retail Trade	340	6.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	85	1.7%
Information	25	0.5%
Finance & Insurance	154	3.1%
Real Estate	66	1.3%
Professional & Tech. Services	136	2.7%
Management of Companies	26	0.5%
Administrative & Waste Services	348	7.0%
Educational Services	39	0.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	317	6.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	108	2.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	351	7.1%
Other Services	140	2.8%
Public Administration	25	0.5%
Information Not Available	1,265	25.5%

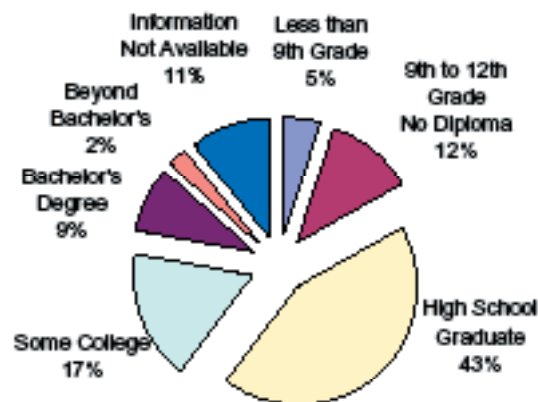
Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Occupation	4,966	100%
Management	394	7.9%
Business & Financial Operations	102	2.1%
Computer & Mathematical	51	1.0%
Architecture & Engineering	39	0.8%
Life, Physical & Social Science	21	0.4%
Community & Social Services	35	0.7%
Legal	14	0.3%
Education, Training & Library	50	1.0%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	71	1.4%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	104	2.1%
Healthcare Support	115	2.3%
Protective Service	41	0.8%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	332	6.7%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	166	3.3%
Personal Care & Service	47	0.9%
Sales & Related	274	5.5%
Office & Administrative Support	601	12.1%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	34	0.7%
Construction & Extraction	507	10.2%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	177	3.6%
Production	597	12.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	326	6.6%
Military Specific	12	0.2%
Information Not Available	857	17.3%

Men filed sixty percent of the October claims whereas women filed forty percent. Freight & Stock Material Movers and Heavy & Tractor Trailer Truck Drivers are the occupation most cited by these newly unemployed men. Customer Service Representatives is the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Initial Claims by Educational Attainment

Forty-three percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. More than one-quarter of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with nine percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Seventeen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.



Data may not add up due to rounding variations.

* 2004 Annual Average Covered Employment.